

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the present amendment, paragraph 00030 of the specification, claims 2, 6-7, 10, 15, 16 and 18 will have been amended. No new matter has been added to the instant application by the amendments herein. Reconsideration of the Office Action of March 16, 2004 is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Specification and Claims

The Examiner objected to the specification because of an informality in paragraph 00030. Applicants have amended this section to correct the same. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection to the specification.

The Examiner objected to claims 2-4, 6-11 and 15-19 because of informalities. Applicants have amended claims 2, 6-7, 10, 15 and 18 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to correct the same. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection to claims 2-4, 6-11 and 15-19.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 6-11 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification. The Examiner asserted that in claim 6, the limitation "transmitting a preamble over a predetermined number of preamble channels further comprises transmitting a redundant preamble together with said preamble" does not have support in the specification. The Examiner asserted that paragraphs 00031 and 00032 teach transmitting a preamble and redundant preamble over different channels. The Examiner applied the same reasoning to claim 10, 11, 15, 18 and 19. Applicant has amended claims 6 and 15 to clarify that the preamble and redundant preamble

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are transmitted in a same packet. This feature is supported in paragraph 00031, lines 2-6.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

The Examiner rejected claims 7, 8, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner asserted that limitations in claims 7 and 16 lack a proper antecedent basis. Applicants have amended claims 7 and 16 to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that each and every claim pending in this application patentably defines over the prior art of record. For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance.
Reconsideration of the present Office Action and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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